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Chapter 19
Garden of Eden
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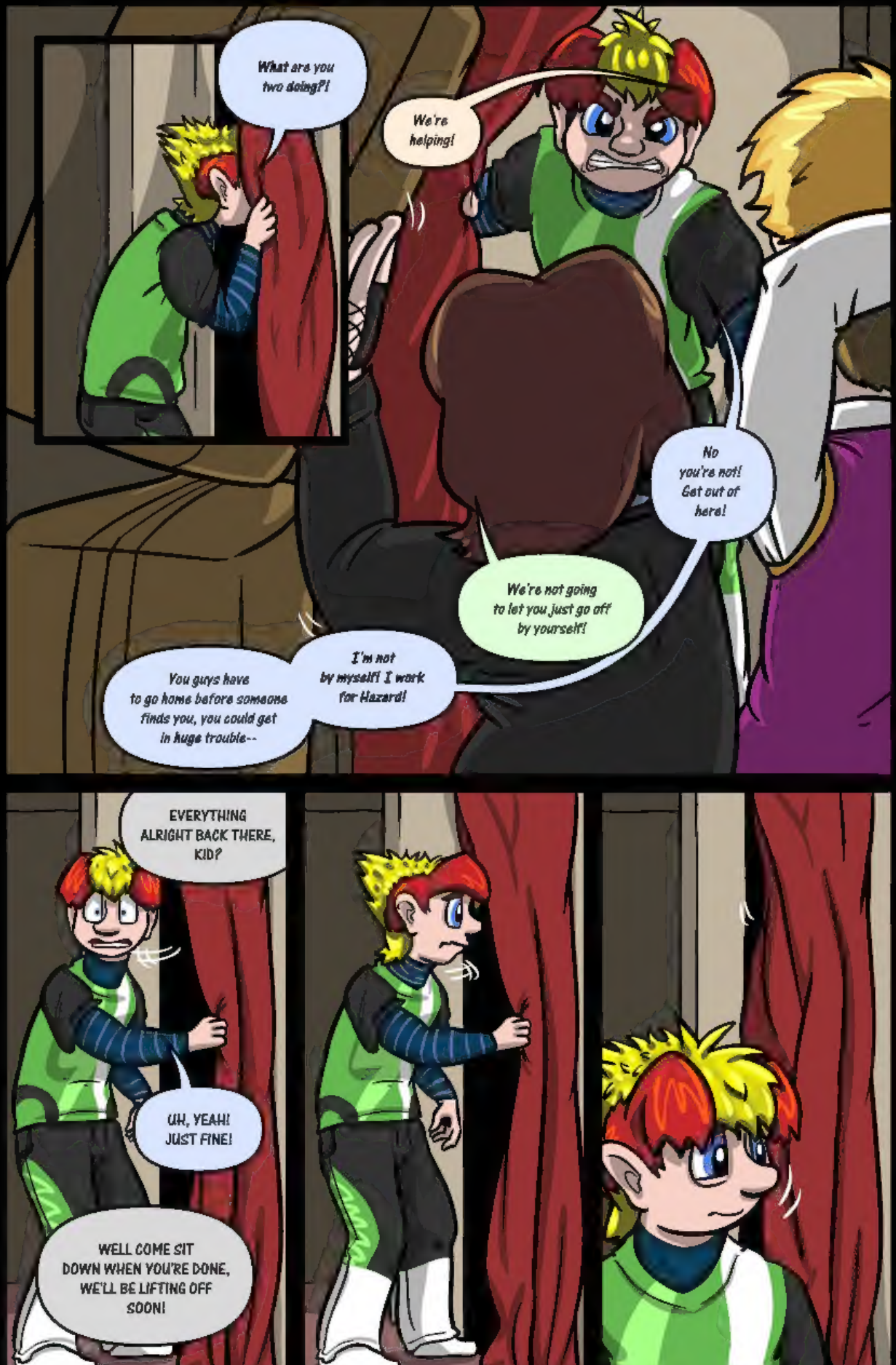
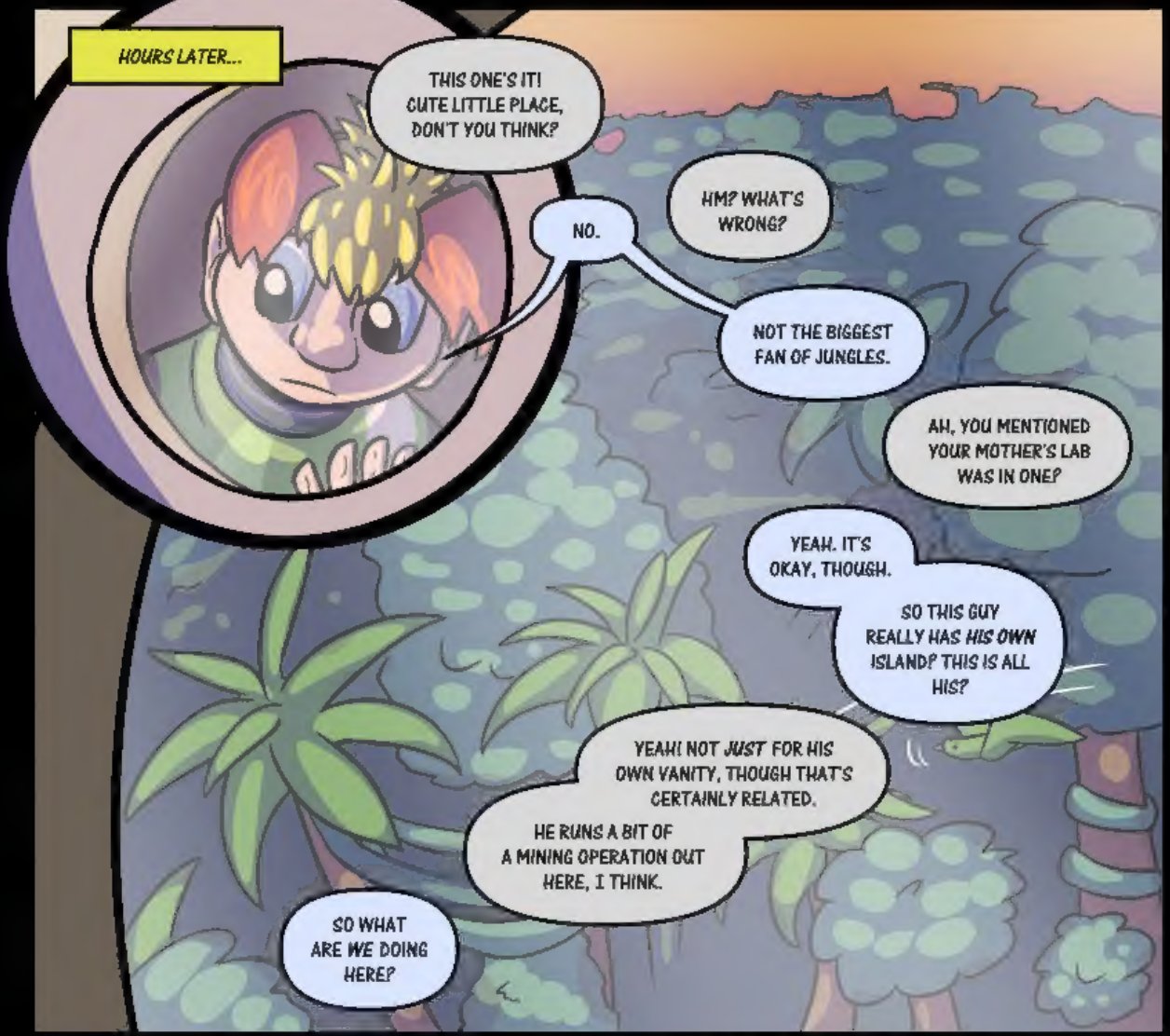
DIDN'T THINK WE'D HAVE YOU BACK IN A PLANE SO SOON, BUT HERE WE ARE!
WHERE ARE WE GOING?
MY CLIENT, ZINCMAN, HAS A PRIVATE ISLAND. IT'S A LONG FLIGHT, SO WE'LL TAKE A COUPLE STOPS ALONG THE WAY. IT'S A REALLY BEAUTIFUL PLACE, THOUGH! YOU'RE IN FOR A TREAT!
SHALL I PUT YOUR LUGGAGE AWAY FOR YOU, SIR?
OH, NO, I'VE GOT IT. THERE WAS A CLOSET IN THE BACK FOR IT, YEAH?
CORRECT.
-SHHHHK-

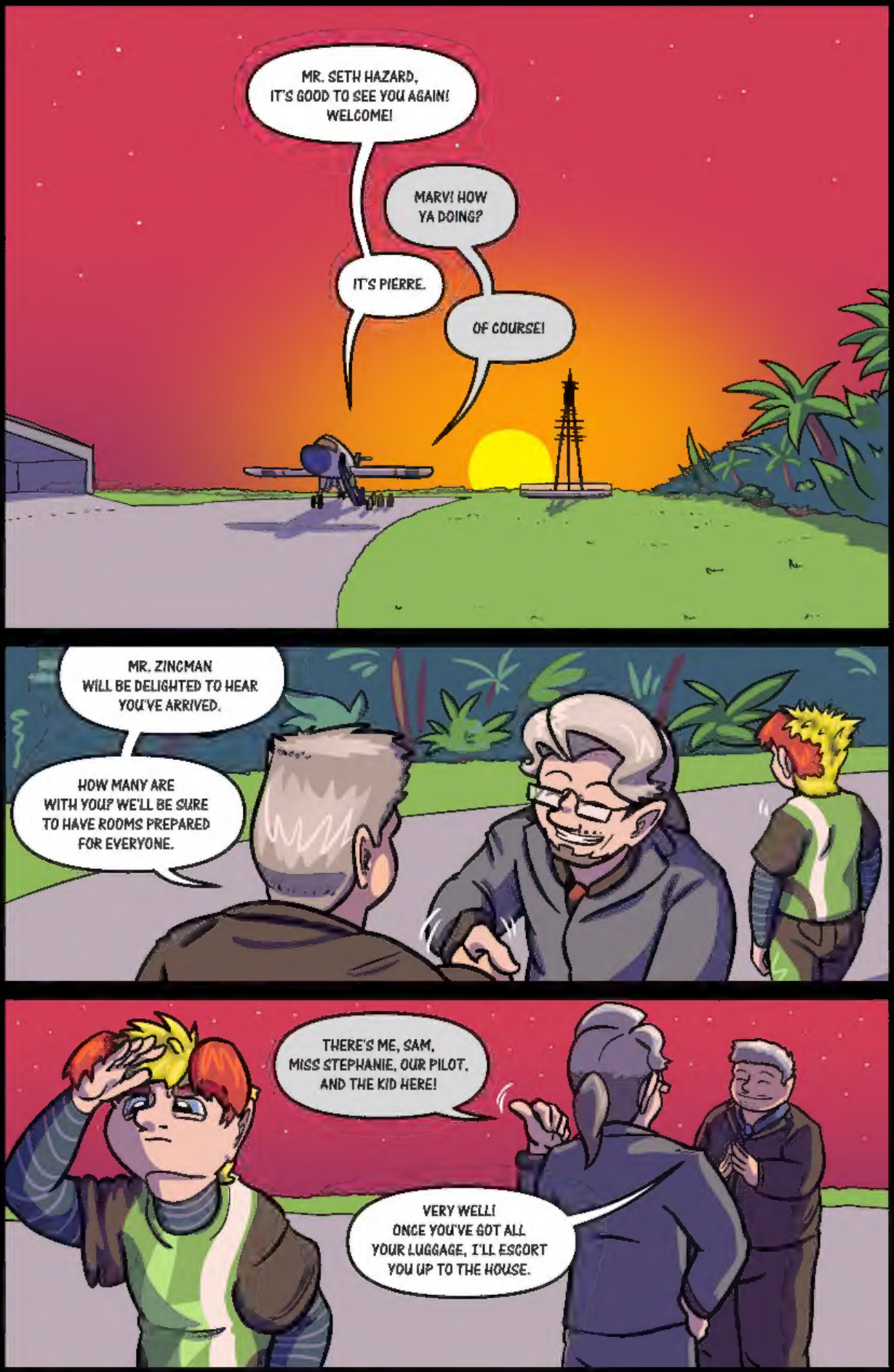
HI!
UH HEY I'LL TAKE CARE OF THAT FOR YOU
TAKE YOUR TIME
--OH. THANK YOU.
MAYBE THERE'S HOPE FOR HIM, YET.
HA!

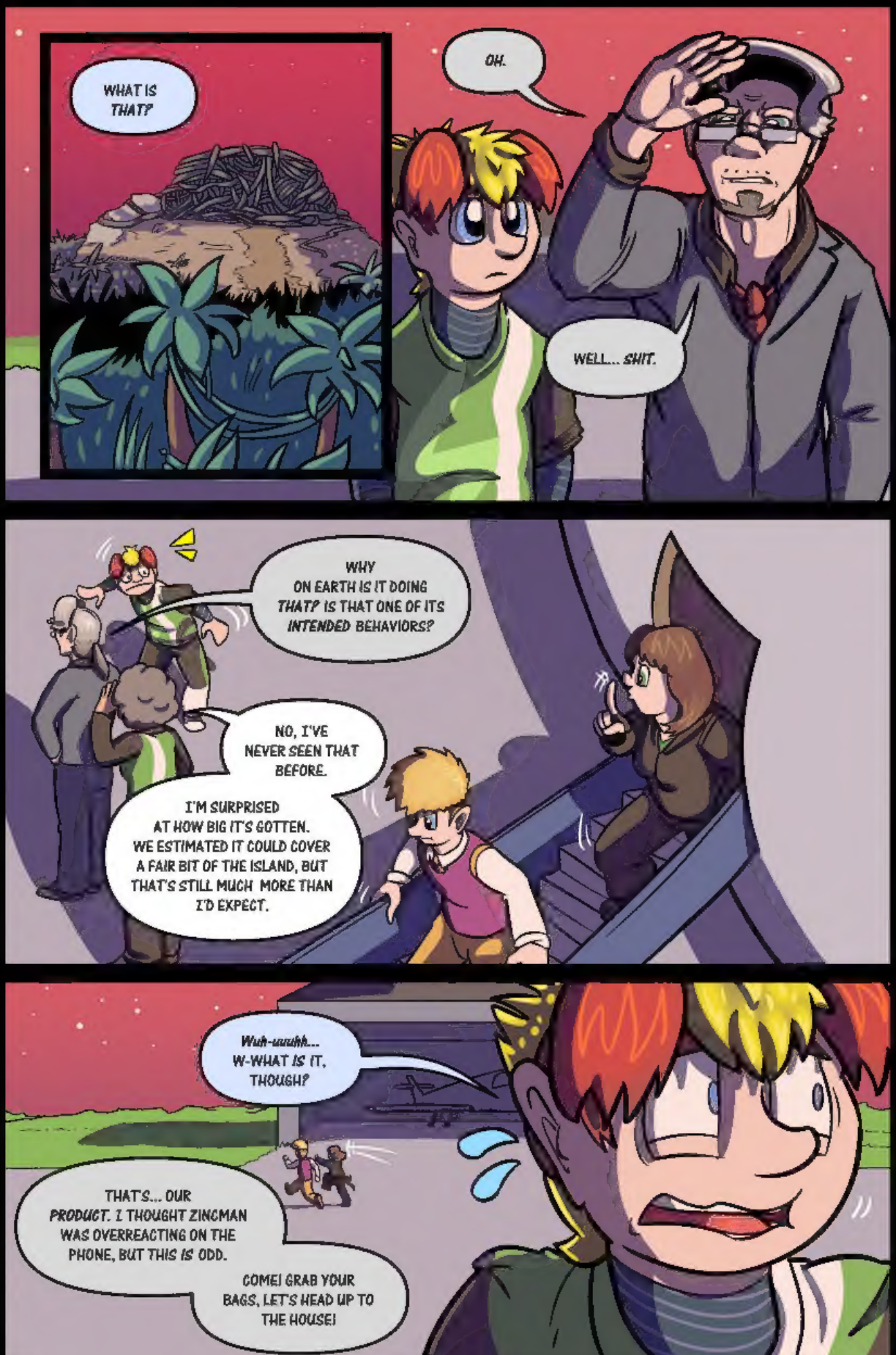

What are you two doing?!
We're helping!
No you're not! Get out of here!
We're not going to let you just go off by yourself!
I'm not by myself! I work for Hazard!
You guys have to go home before someone finds you, you could get in huge trouble--
EVERYTHING ALRIGHT BACK THERE, KID?
UH, YEAH! JUST FINE!
WELL COME SIT DOWN WHEN YOU'RE DONE, WE'LL BE LIFTING OFF SOON!

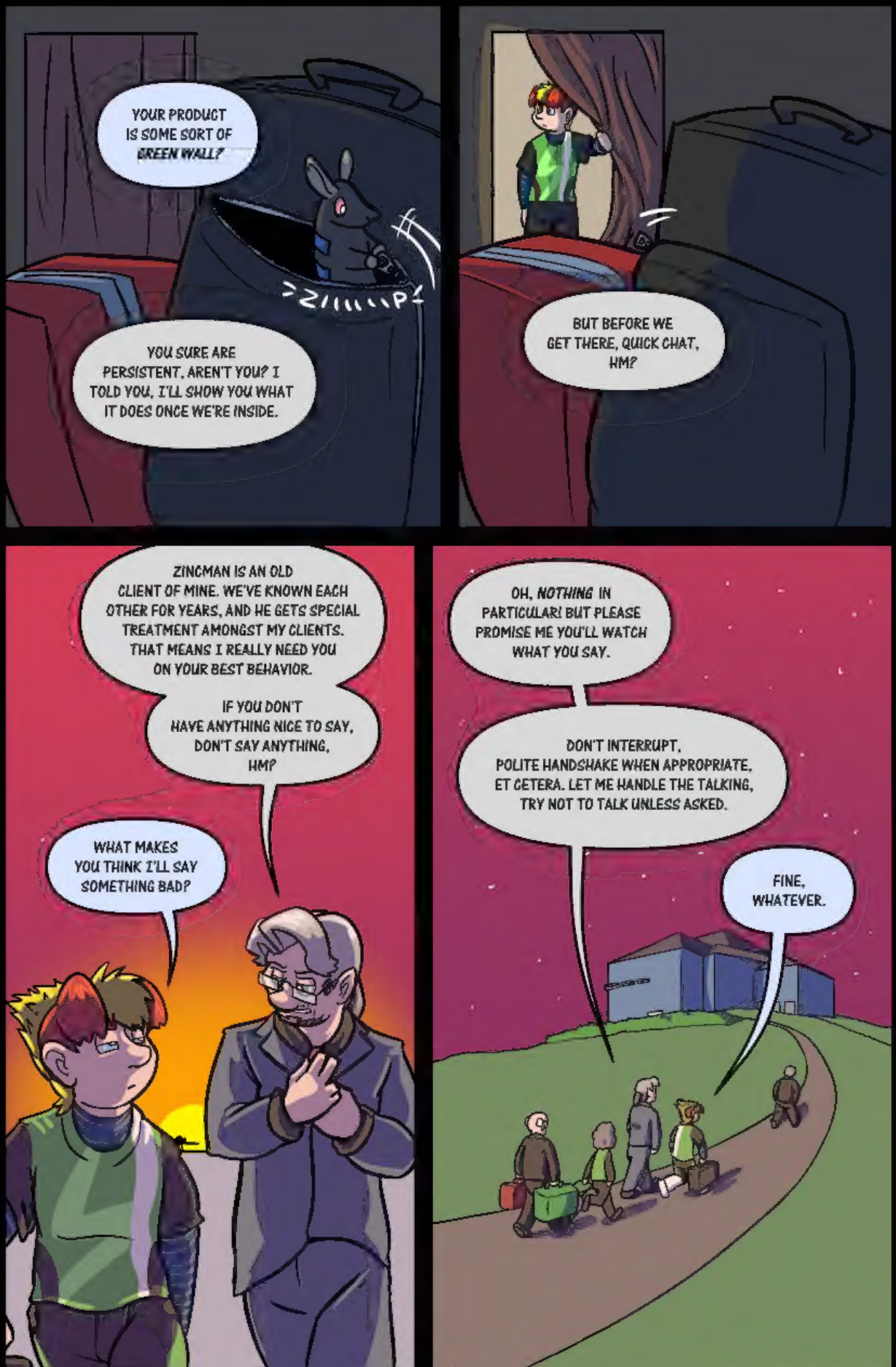

HOURS LATER...
THIS ONE'S IT! CUTE LITTLE PLACE, DON'T YOU THINK?
NO.
HM? WHAT'S WRONG?
NOT THE BIGGEST FAN OF JUNGLES.
AH, YOU MENTIONED YOUR MOTHER'S LAB WAS IN ONE?
YEAH. IT'S OKAY, THOUGH.
SO THIS GUY REALLY HAS *HIS OWN* ISLAND? THIS IS ALL HIS?
YEAH! NOT *JUST* FOR HIS OWN VANITY, THOUGH THAT'S CERTAINLY RELATED.
HE RUNS A BIT OF A MINING OPERATION OUT HERE, I THINK.
SO WHAT ARE *WE* DOING HERE?

LIKE I SAID, ONE OF OUR PRODUCTS WE SOLD HIM IS MALFUNCTIONING.
SO WE'RE MOSTLY HERE TO DO SOME MAINTENANCE, AND HELP HIM WITH ANY REQUESTS HE MIGHT HAVE TO MAKE UP FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.
AND I THINK IT'S A GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MR. ZINCMAN.

WHAT SORT OF PRODUCT?
IT'LL BE EASIER TO EXPLAIN BY SHOWING YOU.
I THINK ZINCMAN HAS *EXAGGERATED* THE PROBLEM A BIT, SO WE'LL SEE JUST WHAT'S WRONG SOON.


MR. SETH HAZARD, IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! WELCOME!
MARV! HOW YA DOING?
IT'S PIERRE.
OF COURSE!
MR. ZINCMAN WILL BE DELIGHTED TO HEAR YOU'VE ARRIVED.
HOW MANY ARE WITH YOU? WE'LL BE SURE TO HAVE ROOMS PREPARED FOR EVERYONE.
THERE'S ME, SAM, MISS STEPHANIE, OUR PILOT, AND THE KID HERE!
VERY WELL! ONCE YOU'VE GOT ALL YOUR LUGGAGE, I'LL ESCORT YOU UP TO THE HOUSE.


WHAT IS THAT?
OH.
WELL... SHIT.
WHY ON EARTH IS IT DOING THAT? IS THAT ONE OF ITS INTENDED BEHAVIORS?
NO, I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT BEFORE.
I'M SURPRISED AT HOW BIG IT'S GOTTEN. WE ESTIMATED IT COULD COVER A FAIR BIT OF THE ISLAND, BUT THAT'S STILL MUCH MORE THAN I'D EXPECT.
Wuh-uuuhh... W-WHAT IS IT, THOUGH?
THAT'S... OUR PRODUCT. I THOUGHT ZINCMAN WAS OVERREACTING ON THE PHONE, BUT THIS IS ODD.
COME! GRAB YOUR BAGS, LET'S HEAD UP TO THE HOUSE!


YOUR PRODUCT IS SOME SORT OF *GREEN WALL?*
>ZIIIIIP!
YOU SURE ARE PERSISTENT, AREN'T YOU? I TOLD YOU, I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT IT DOES ONCE WE'RE INSIDE.
BUT BEFORE WE GET THERE, QUICK CHAT, HM?
ZINCMAN IS AN OLD CLIENT OF MINE. WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR YEARS, AND HE GETS SPECIAL TREATMENT AMONGST MY CLIENTS. THAT MEANS I REALLY NEED YOU ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR.
IF YOU DON'T HAVE ANYTHING NICE TO SAY, DON'T SAY ANYTHING, HM?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK I'LL SAY SOMETHING BAD?
OH, *NOTHING* IN PARTICULAR! BUT PLEASE PROMISE ME YOU'LL WATCH WHAT YOU SAY.
DON'T INTERRUPT. POLITE HANDSHAKE WHEN APPROPRIATE. ET CETERA. LET ME HANDLE THE TALKING, TRY NOT TO TALK UNLESS ASKED.
FINE, WHATEVER.

RIGHT THIS WAY! I'LL GET MR. ZINGMAN FOR YOU.

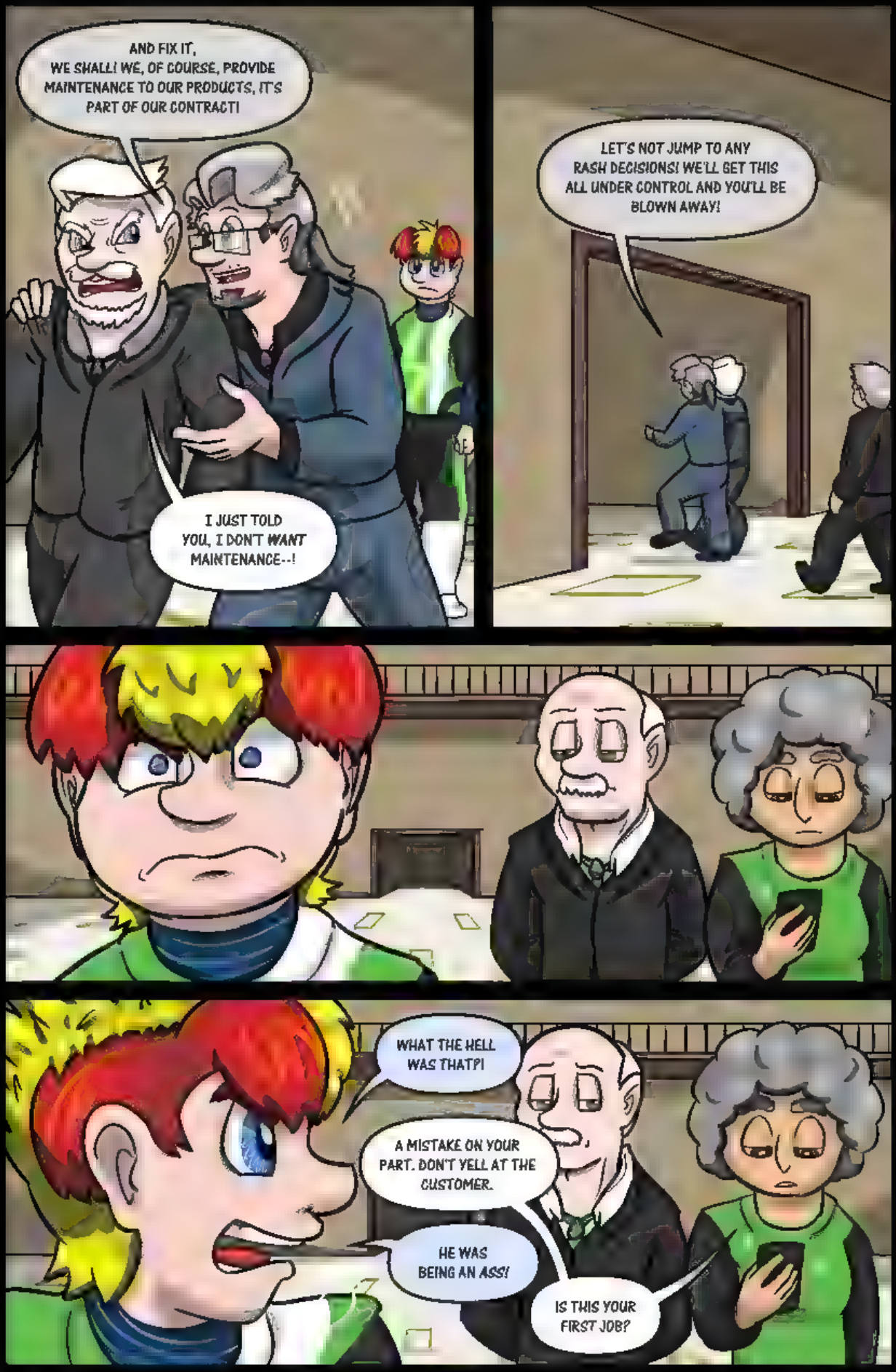
MR. ZINCMAN, MAY I PRESENT SETH HAZARD AND HIS EMPLOYEES.
TOOK YOU LONG ENOUGH! EVERY SECOND YOU WASTED GETTING HERE IS ONE WHERE THE SITUATION GETS WORSE!
APOLOGIES, OLD FRIEND! WE AREN'T EXACTLY LOCATED CLOSE BY. WE CAME AS SOON AS WE COULD.
I TRUST YOU BROUGHT THE BACKUP I REQUESTED?
YES, BUT PLEASE GIVE ME A MOMENT TO INTRODUCE MY CREW!
YOU ALREADY KNOW SAM! AND MY PILOT IS STILL PUTTING THE PLANE UP AND WILL BE IN SHORTLY.
THIS IS STEPHANIE, OUR TECHNICIAN! SHE'LL BE LOOKING OVER THE PROBLEMS WITH EDEN.
*PLEASURE.

AND THIS IS TERRY, ONE OF OUR MORE ADVANCED CIRCUITS.
THIS IS ONE OF YOUR EXPERIMENTAL ROBOTS? IT LOOKS LIKE A CHILD.
THAT'S SORT OF THE POINT, TO MAKE THEM LOOK NORMAL! THOUGH THAT'S REALLY A CONVERSATION FOR LATER
NORMAL ISN'T WHAT I'D CALL THIS. UGLY IS A BETTER WORD. AN ASSAULT ON THE SENSES.
I CAN ASSAULT MORE THAN THAT IF YOU DON'T SHUT YOUR FUCKING MOUTH.
WHAT ON EARTH--?!
I THOUGHT YOU SAID THIS WAS ONE OF YOUR CIRCUITS?
HE IS! THIS MODEL HAS A... FREE-WILL MODE, SO HE DOESN'T HAVE TO COME ACROSS SO MECHANICAL!
BUT THIS CLEARLY ISN'T THE TIME FOR THAT!

I'VE HAD ENOUGH OF YOUR EXPERIMENTAL TECHNOLOGY. WHAT DID YOU BRING TO DEAL WITH THE SITUATION?
HIM, ACTUALLY!
I'VE NEVER CARED FOR YOUR SENSE OF HUMOR, SETH. PLEASE TAKE THIS SERIUOSLY.
NO JOKES THIS TIME. I WOULDN'T HAVE BROUGHT HIM IF I WASN'T SERIOUS.
WHAT IS A CHILD SUPPOSED TO DO ABOUT THIS? I ASKED YOU TO BRING WEAPONS! GUNS, BOMBS, NETS, GAS--
YOU USED TO BE RELIABLE, AND NOW EVERY TIME WE TALK, IT'S ALL ABOUT THIS "CIRCUIT" BULLSHIT!
I ASSURE YOU, WE HAVE EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL. BETWEEN HIM AND STEPHANIE, WE'LL SORT OUT THE PROBLEM IN NO TIME.

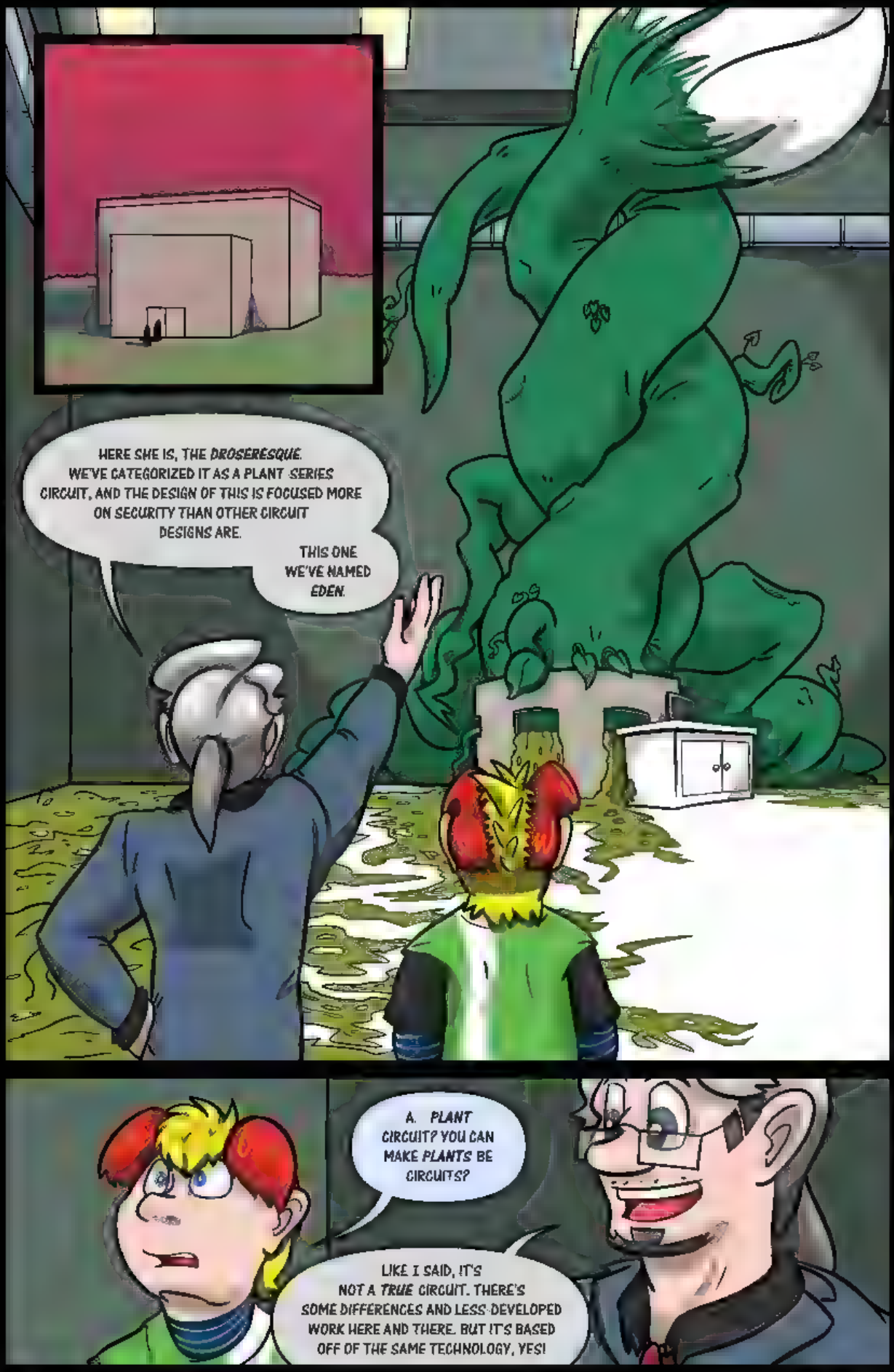
STEPH WILL REPAIR EDEN, AND TERRY WILL HELP CLEAN UP THE MESS THAT'S BEEN CREATED IN THE MEANTIME.
NO, NO REPAIRS! NO MORE CIRCUITS! I DON'T WANT YOUR MONSTER HERE ANY LONGER! I WANT IT *GONE!*
MONSTER? NOW, NOW, LET'S NOT GET AHEAD OF OURSELVES!
HASN'T IT WORKED LIKE I SAID IT WOULD?
IT'S *HORRIFYING.*
YES, IT'S *WORKED* UNTIL *NOW.*
THE WORKERS HAVE TAKEN CONTROL OF IT AND BARRICADED THEMSELVES IN THEIR BARRACKS, AND SEALED OFF THE MINES.
THEY'VE STOLEN WEAPONS FROM MY SECURITY TEAM AND ARE SHOOTING TO KILL ANYONE WHO APPROACHES, USING IT AS A BARRIER.
YES, I THINK WE SAW SOME OF THAT ON OUR WAY IN. ARE YOU SURE THEY HAVE CONTROL OF IT? IT'S NOT JUST MALFUNCTIONING?
OF COURSE I'M SURE! WE'VE BEEN TRYING TO RESET THE SYSTEM AND CALL EDEN BACK. IT STARTS TO COME DOWN, BUT THE WORKERS QUICKLY RETAKE CONTROL AND PUT IT BACK HOW THEY HAD IT. THEIR BARRICADE IS BACK WITHIN A *MINUTE!*
THEY'VE BEEN MAKING OUTRAGEOUS DEMANDS, AND HAVE ENOUGH FOOD STOLEN AND STORED TO LAST FOR SIX MONTHS! EVERYTHING HAS COME TO A CRASHING HALT HERE, AND THEY'RE THREATENING TO USE EDEN AGAINST *ME* AND MY *MANSION!*

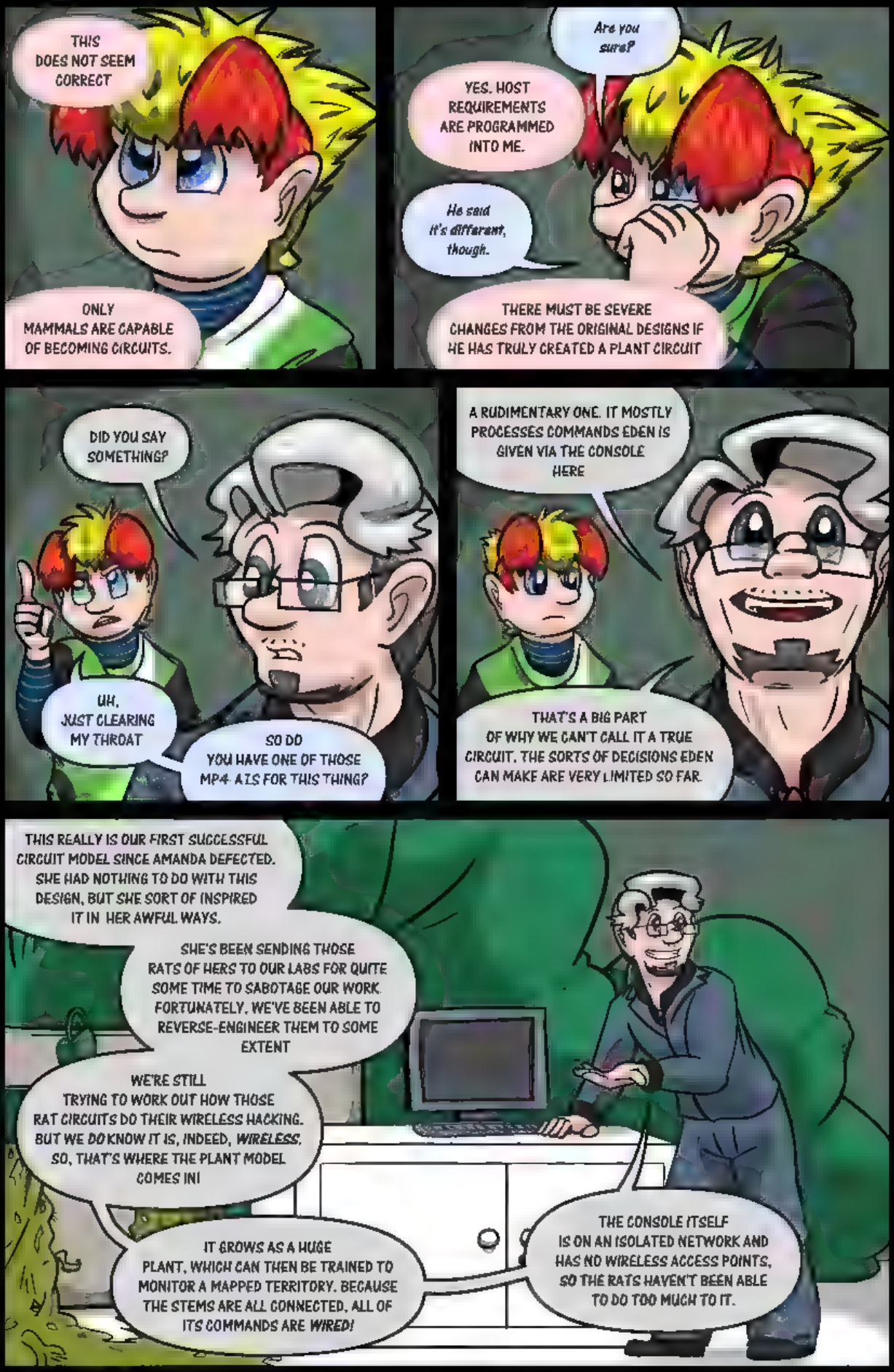
WAIT, THAT GREEN THING WAS A CIRCUIT?
QUIET.
SO YOUR SOLUTION TO THIS WAS GOING TO BE... MORE GUNS?
WHICH THEY COULD JUST HAVE EDEN STEAL AGAIN?
UNLESS YOU'RE ABLE TO PROVIDE ME A TANK OR THREE. THEY'RE HEAVILY ARMED, NOTHING BUT MORE FIREPOWER WILL FIX THIS.
RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE! TERRY HERE IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TO SOLVE YOUR [redacted]
AND JUST WHAT THE HELL DO YOU THINK THIS THING WILL DO?
I CAN PAINT THE FLOOR WITH YOUR FACE IF YOU DON'T STOP CALLING ME THING.
TERRY!
THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT I WAS WORRIED ABOUT!
YOU'VE BECOME UNRELIABLE, HAZARD, WITH YOUR OBSESSION FOR THESE GIMMICKY PROJECTS!
IF YOU CAN'T FIX THIS MESS, OUR BUISINESS IS DONE!


AND FIX IT, WE SHALL! WE, OF COURSE, PROVIDE MAINTENANCE TO OUR PRODUCTS, IT'S PART OF OUR CONTRACT!
I JUST TOLD YOU, I DON'T WANT MAINTENANCE--!
LET'S NOT JUMP TO ANY RASH DECISIONS! WE'LL GET THIS ALL UNDER CONTROL AND YOU'LL BE BLOWN AWAY!
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT?!
A MISTAKE ON YOUR PART. DON'T YELL AT THE CUSTOMER.
HE WAS BEING AN ASS!
IS THIS YOUR FIRST JOB?

SO WHAT FUCKING EXACTLY ARE YOU EXPECTING ME TO DO, HERE?!
FIRST OF ALL, I'M EXPECTING YOU TO TREAT MY CLIENT WITH RESPECT! YOU DO NOT TALK UNLESS ASKED, AND DON'T SNAP AT HIM!
I'M A PERSON, AND YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ME LIKE I'M A [illegible]!
BECAUSE THE CLIENT DOESN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT CIRCUITS ARE! HE DON'T UNDERSTAND, NOR CARE, HOW CIRCUITS WORK AND IT'S A WASTE OF TIME TO EXPLAIN WHY YOU'RE DIFFERENT FROM WHAT HE'S SEEN ALREADY!
IT'S VERY IMPORTANT WE DON'T SCREW UP THIS MEETING. WE NEED TO STAY ON GOOD TERMS WITH HIM AND SOLVE HIS PROBLEMS SO HE CONTINUES TO USE OUR PRODUCTS, AND SO MAYBE WE CAN SECURE SOME EXTRA FUNDING FROM HIM.
SO ALL I NEED FROM YOU IS TO STRUT LIKE A PEACOCK AND KEEP YOUR MOUTH SHUT.
GOT IT?
GOOD.

SECOND OF ALL... YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID. HE HAS SOME WORKERS THAT HAVE TURNED OUR SECURITY PRODUCT AGAINST HIM AND ARE TRYING TO DO HIM, AND OTHERS, HARM.
SECURITY PRODUCT.
YES.
YOU MEAN A [redacted].
YES.
YOU SAID BEFORE YOU DIDN'T MAKE CIRCUITS. BUT YOU SOLD THIS DUDE ONE?
IT'S A PROTOTYPE. WE'RE LETTING HIM TEST IT FOR US, AT A STEEP DISCOUNT.
IF YOU'RE EXPECTING ME TO SAY I'M SORRY FOR PISSING OFF FUCKFACE, I'M NOT. YOU TOLD ME TWICE TO MY FACE YOU CAN'T MAKE CIRCUITS.
IT'S NOT A TRUE CIRCUIT
NICE EXCUSE, WHAT THE FUCK DOES THAT EVEN MEAN?
IT'S NOT AN EXCUSE. COME ON, LET'S GO TAKE A LOOK. I PROMISE IT REALLY DOES MAKE MORE SENSE IF YOU SEE IT.
IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK. YOU'LL LIKE IT, I PROMISE.


HERE SHE IS, THE *DROSERESQUE*. WE'VE CATEGORIZED IT AS A PLANT SERIES CIRCUIT, AND THE DESIGN OF THIS IS FOCUSED MORE ON SECURITY THAN OTHER CIRCUIT DESIGNS ARE.
THIS ONE WE'VE NAMED *EDEN*.
A *PLANT* CIRCUIT? YOU CAN MAKE *PLANTS* BE CIRCUITS?
LIKE I SAID, IT'S NOT A *TRUE* CIRCUIT. THERE'S SOME DIFFERENCES AND LESS DEVELOPED WORK HERE AND THERE. BUT IT'S BASED OFF OF THE SAME TECHNOLOGY, YES!


THIS DOES NOT SEEM CORRECT
ONLY MAMMALS ARE CAPABLE OF BECOMING CIRCUITS.
Are you sure?
YES. HOST REQUIREMENTS ARE PROGRAMMED INTO ME.
He said it's different, though.
THERE MUST BE SEVERE CHANGES FROM THE ORIGINAL DESIGNS IF HE HAS TRULY CREATED A PLANT CIRCUIT
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING?
UH, JUST CLEARING MY THROAT
SO DO YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE MP4 AIS FOR THIS THING?
A RUDIMENTARY ONE. IT MOSTLY PROCESSES COMMANDS EDEN IS GIVEN VIA THE CONSOLE HERE
THAT'S A BIG PART OF WHY WE CAN'T CALL IT A TRUE CIRCUIT. THE SORTS OF DECISIONS EDEN CAN MAKE ARE VERY LIMITED SO FAR.
THIS REALLY IS OUR FIRST SUCCESSFUL CIRCUIT MODEL SINCE AMANDA DEFECTED. SHE HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS DESIGN, BUT SHE SORT OF INSPIRED IT IN HER AWFUL WAYS.
SHE'S BEEN SENDING THOSE RATS OF HERS TO OUR LABS FOR QUITE SOME TIME TO SABOTAGE OUR WORK. FORTUNATELY, WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO REVERSE-ENGINEER THEM TO SOME EXTENT
WE'RE STILL TRYING TO WORK OUT HOW THOSE RAT CIRCUITS DO THEIR WIRELESS HACKING. BUT WE DO KNOW IT IS, INDEED, WIRELESS. SO, THAT'S WHERE THE PLANT MODEL COMES IN!
IT GROWS AS A HUGE PLANT, WHICH CAN THEN BE TRAINED TO MONITOR A MAPPED TERRITORY. BECAUSE THE STEMS ARE ALL CONNECTED, ALL OF ITS COMMANDS ARE WIRED!
THE CONSOLE ITSELF IS ON AN ISOLATED NETWORK AND HAS NO WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS, SO THE RATS HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO TOO MUCH TO IT.

WAIT, YOU MEAN THIS PART HERE IS CONNECTED TO THAT BIG GREEN MESS WE SAW WHEN WE FLEW IN?
YES. PART OF THE BEAUTY OF THE DROSERESQUE DESIGN IS THAT IT SPROUTS WHERE THE COMPUTER CONSOLE IS, THEN EXPANDS OVER THE AREA WHERE YOU WANT IT TO GUARD.
IT CAN GROW AS A PART OF THE LANDSCAPING OR BURY ITS ROOTS AND STEMS UNDERGROUND, TO STAY HIDDEN AS NEEDED.
ZINGMAN'S ISLAND HAS REALLY HELPED US WORK OUT THE KINKS IN ALL THAT
CHECK THIS OUT, IT'S PRETTY COOL...
AS THE CIRCUIT GROWS, IT LOGS THE AREA'S TERRAIN AND CREATES A MAP FOR ITSELF
THE DROSERESQUE CAN SENSE ANYONE WHO S ON OR NEAR ITS ROOTS, AND KNOWS THEIR EXACT LOCATION ON THE ISLAND
THESE WHITE SPECKS ARE ALL THE WORKERS WHO'VE TURNED VIOLENT THEY'RE ALL CLUSTERED UP IN THAT ENCAMPMENT THAT THE THICK VINES ARE WRAPPED AROUND.
AND HERE IS WHERE WE ARE. LOOK! EDEN CAN EVEN TELL YOU'RE A CIRCUIT. YOU'RE COLORED IN RED.

IT CAN SENSE CIRCUITS?
YEAH! A NEW IDEA, BUT I'M HOPING IT'LL HELP FOR FIGURING OUT WHERE AMANDA'S LOUSY SPY RATS ARE AND KEEP THEM FROM GETTING IN THE WAY.
THOUGH I DIDN'T THINK WE HAD THAT FEATURE WORKING YET NO ONE ON THE TEAM HAS REPORTED IT DETECTING ANY RATS SUCCESSFULLY
SEEMS TO WORK ON YOU, THOUGH!
BUT ANYWAY. IF THESE WORKERS ARE SOMEHOW ABLE TO CONTROL IT WITHOUT COMING TO THIS CONSOLE, THEN THEY MUST HAVE FOUND SOME OTHER WAY TO HACK OR MANIPULATE IT
SO WE HAVE TWO OPTIONS HERE. RESETING THE SYSTEM WILL PUT EDEN BACK UNDER OUR CONTROL, EVEN IF IT'S JUST FOR A MINUTE.
BUT TURNING EDEN OFF SHOULD PREVENT THEM FROM USING IT ALL TOGETHER.

YOU RESET IT?
I TURNED IT OFF. EDEN SHOULD BE PARALYZED UNTIL IT'S BACK ONLINE.
THE STEMS WILL LOCK INTO PLACE AND CAN'T BE MOVED UNTIL IT'S ON AGAIN
HUH. IT REALLY WON'T
SO WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?
I'M GOING TO SPEAK TO ZINCMAN TONIGHT ONE-ON-ONE TO GET A BETTER IDEA OF WHAT WE'RE DEALING WITH, AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. WE'LL NEED HIM COOPERATIVE BEFORE WE CAN FORM A PROPER PLAN.
AND BECAUSE OF *SOMEONE*, I'M PROBABLY GOING TO HAVE TO OFFER HIM MORE THAN I WAS PLANNING, TO MAKE UP FOR IT.
BUT FOR NOW, IT'S BEEN A LONG FLIGHT, SO LET'S ALL FIND OUR ROOMS, SHALL WE? THIS PLACE IS LARGE ENOUGH WE'LL ALL HAVE OUR OWN PRIVATE BEDS.
LET'S GO FIND MARV AND HAVE HIM SHOW US WHERE THEY ARE.

SOON...
THIS IS THE GUEST WING. EACH ROOM HAS ITS OWN PRIVATE BATHROOM, SO YOU WON'T HAVE TO DISRUPT ANYONE ELSE. THEY ARE ALL THE SAME, SO YOU MAY USE ANY ROOM HERE AS YOU SEE FIT.
MR. HAZARD, IF I MAY?
OF COURSE
DOES YOUR, UHM...
... OH! YES, HE NEEDS A ROOM AS WELL.
EXCELLENT. I JUST NEEDED TO CONFIRM HOW MANY ROOMS YOU'LL BE USING.
DINNER WILL BE ON IN THE NEXT HOUR, WE'LL CALL YOU ALL WHEN IT'S READY
THANKS, MARV!

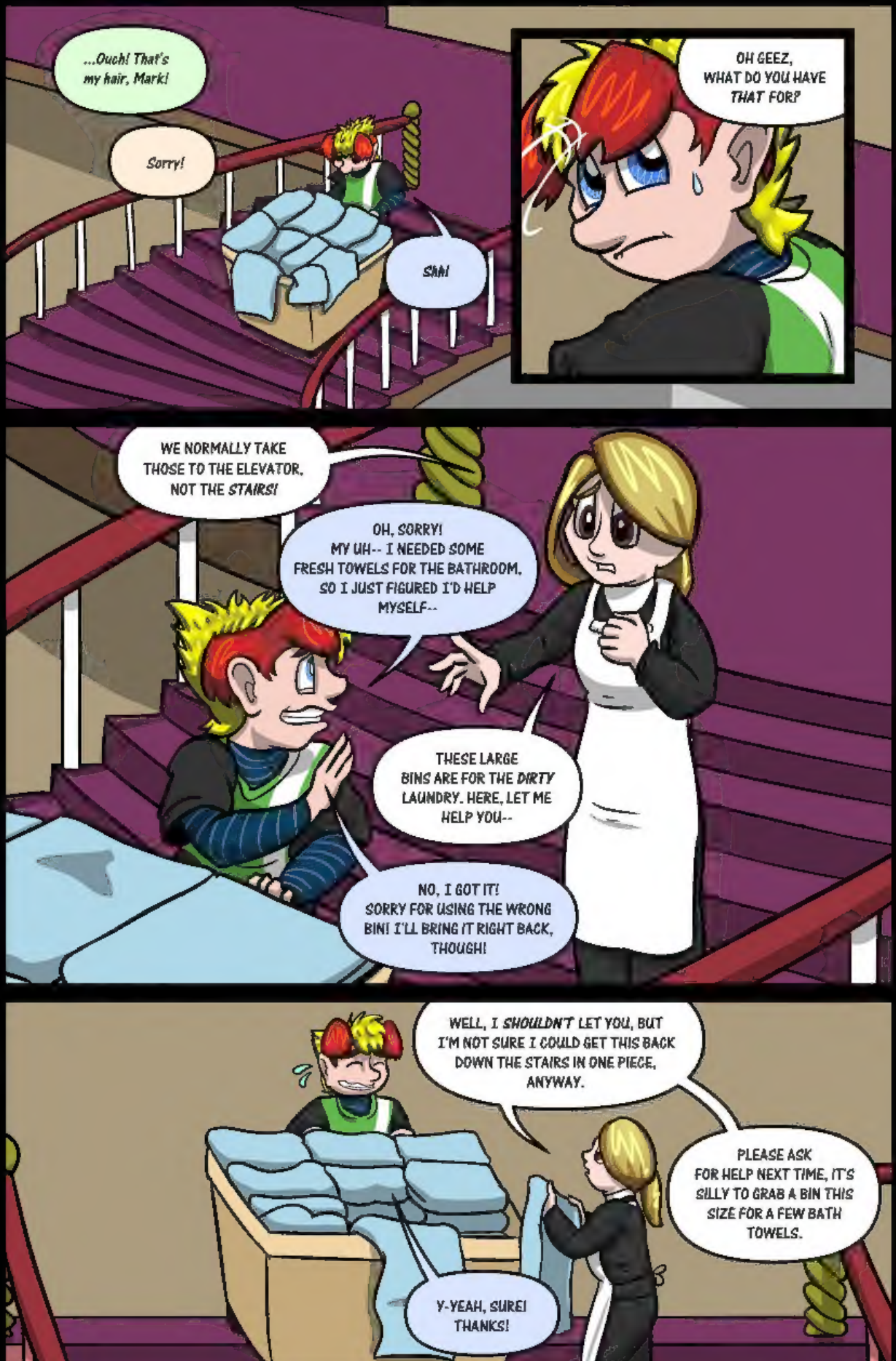
DO THEY REALLY THINK I'M A *ROBOT*? CAN THEY NOT SEE ME WALKING AROUND AND TALKING?
I'VE TRIED TO EXPLAIN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SCI-FI ROBOTS AND CIRCUITS TO THEM, BUT THEY GET HUNG UP AN OLD FASHIONED BUNCH.
ZINCMAN DOESN'T UNDERSTAND TECHNOLOGY AND HIS SERVANTS WILL FOLLOW HIS OPINION
WELL, PICK A ROOM AND GET UNPACKED! I'M GOING TO GO SPEAK WITH ZINCMAN A BIT MORE. BUT THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO COME ALONG JUST YET.

CLICK!
-beep-
I GET PHONE SERVICE HERE?
I OBSERVED A RADIO TOWER WHEN WE FLEW IN. THEY MUST SERVICE THEMSELVES HERE.
WHAT THE FUCK. WHY DID THEY COME HERE?
WHAT WERE THEY THINKING?
UNKNOWN.NUMBER
yo its nat
were good hiding laundry room
WHERE ARE YOU
ye this isnt our first rodeo the plane was the hard part
You got in the house??
SEEMS THEIR MISPLACED CARE FOR YOU HAS LED TO SOME POOR DECISIONS.

MISPLACED?
LOOK, I'VE GOT ENOUGH GOING ON WITHOUT YOUR SASS. I NEED TO FIND THEM BEFORE SOMEONE ELSE DOES.
BREYKEN, IF YOU ALLOW ME TO USE NET MODE, I SHOULD BE ABLE TO DETECT WHERE THEIR MOBILE PHONE SIGNAL IS COMING FROM AND TRACK THEM DOWN.
ye
this isnt our firs
the plane was the hard par
Wtf
You two are so stupid
Are you going to stay in laundry??
well see
bring us some food
I don't know where you are
OH, FOR REAL?
IT WOULD BE SIMPLE.
DO THAT THEN.
in
ood
stay put, on my way

THE DOOR ON THE RIGHT.

GUYS?
HEY!
SHH! THERE'S SERVANTS EVERYWHERE OUT THERE! YOU SURE NO ONE SAW YOU?
WE'RE SURE!
NICE TO SEE YOU TOO, ASSHOLE.
LIKE I SHOULD BE HAPPY YOU GUYS FOLLOWED ME OUT HERE? YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT A STUPID IDEA THAT WAS?
WE CAME TO HELP YOU.
I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP, BUT NOW I HAVE TO BABYSIT YOU.
HERE, MAYBE THIS'LL WORK.
GET IN, GET DOWN, AND STAY QUIET.


...Ouch! That's my hair, Mark!
Sorry!
Shh!
OH GEEZ, WHAT DO YOU HAVE THAT FOR?
WE NORMALLY TAKE THOSE TO THE ELEVATOR, NOT THE STAIRS!
OH, SORRY! MY UH-- I NEEDED SOME FRESH TOWELS FOR THE BATHROOM, SO I JUST FIGURED I'D HELP MYSELF--
THESE LARGE BINS ARE FOR THE DIRTY LAUNDRY. HERE, LET ME HELP YOU--
NO, I GOT IT! SORRY FOR USING THE WRONG BIN! I'LL BRING IT RIGHT BACK, THOUGH!
WELL, I SHOULDN'T LET YOU, BUT I'M NOT SURE I COULD GET THIS BACK DOWN THE STAIRS IN ONE PIECE, ANYWAY.
PLEASE ASK FOR HELP NEXT TIME, IT'S SILLY TO GRAB A BIN THIS SIZE FOR A FEW BATH TOWELS.
Y-YEAH, SURE! THANKS!

IS SOMETHING WRONG?
...
She just... she looks like she's our age. And she works here?
Doesn't that seem weird?
I WOULD NOT KNOW.
Dude, can't you just agree with me for once?